

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7289–S7307

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2181–2183, and S. Res. 288–289. **Page S7304**

Measures Reported:

S. 1203, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–153)

S. 1573, to establish regional weather forecast offices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–154)

S. 1808, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–155)

S. 1082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, with amendments. **Pages S7303–04**

Measures Passed:

National Chemistry Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 289, designating the week beginning on October 18, 2015, as “National Chemistry Week”. **Page S7305**

Measures Considered:

Stop Sanctuary Policies And Protect Americans Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2146, to hold sanctuary jurisdictions accountable for defying Federal law, to increase penalties for individuals who illegally reenter the United States after being removed, and to provide liability protection for State and local law enforcement who cooperate with Federal law enforcement. **Pages S7290–S7301**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, following the disposition of the

nomination of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S7306–07**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S7306–07.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SENTENCING REFORM AND CORRECTIONS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2123, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, after receiving testimony from Sally Quillian Yates, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael B. Mukasey, former Attorney General, Department of Justice, Debevoise and Plimpton LLP, and Heather Mac Donald, Manhattan Institute, both of New York, New York; Hilary O. Shelton, NAACP Washington Bureau, and Marc Mauer, The Sentencing Project, both of Washington, D.C.; Craig DeRoche, Justice Fellowship, Lansdowne, Virginia; Steven H. Cook, National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys, Knoxville, Tennessee; Brett Tolman, former United States Attorney for the District of Utah, Ray Quinney and Nebeker, PC, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Debi Campbell, Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1053)

H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–59)

H.R. 1624, to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–60)

H.R. 2617, to amend the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 to reduce a scheduled increase in the minimum wage applicable to American Samoa. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–61)

S. 136, to amend chapter 21 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–62)

S. 139, to permanently allow an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–63)

S. 261, to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–64)

S. 565, to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–65)

S. 994, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Ser-

geant Joseph D’Augustine Post Office Building”. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–66)

S. 1707, to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the “Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House”. Signed on October 7, 2015. (Public Law 114–67)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, and John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), all of the Department of Energy, and Mary L. Kendall, of Minnesota, to be Inspector General, Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Kristen Joan Sarri, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the persistent North Korea denuclearization and human rights challenge, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine the 2015 Paris international climate negotiations, focusing on the economic and environmental impacts, 2:45 p.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to Combat Our Nation’s Drug Abuse Crisis”, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 10, the “SOAR Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 692, the “Default Prevention Act”; and H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Europe’s refugee crisis, focusing on how the United States, European Union, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe should respond, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 20 through October 23, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. At approximately 11 a.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Following the disposition of the nomination of Ann Donnelly, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2146, Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 21, to hold hearings to examine agriculture biotechnology, focusing on Federal regulation and stakeholder perspectives, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: October 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine a review of rural development in 21st century America, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: October 21, to hold hearings to examine the future of defense reform, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

October 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine global challenges, United States national security strategy, and defense organization, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: October 21, to hold hearings to examine reforming the Federal budget process, focusing on the need for action, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, and John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), all of the Department of Energy, and Mary L. Kendall, of Minnesota, to be Inspector General, Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, and Kristen Joan Sarri, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

October 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Puerto Rico, focusing on the economy, debt, and options for Congress, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 21, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to ex-

amine regulatory impact analyses for Environmental Protection Agency regulations, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the persistent North Korea denuclearization and human rights challenge, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 20, Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold hearings to examine the 2015 Paris international climate negotiations, focusing on the economic and environmental impacts, 2:45 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: October 21, to hold hearings to examine ongoing migration from Central America, focusing on fiscal year 2015 apprehensions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

October 22, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine improving pay flexibility in the Federal workforce, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 21, business meeting to consider S. 1419, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 1436, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for certain Indian tribes, S. 1443, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 1761, to take certain Federal land located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, S. 1822, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and H.R. 387, to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office report on Indian energy development, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gary Richard Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, and Mark A. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 22, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2123, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and the nominations of Brian R. Martinotti, and Julien Xavier Neals, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, and Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 20, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: October 21, to hold hearings to examine when computer tech support becomes a scam, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Foreign Subsidies: Jeopardizing Free Trade and Harming American Farmers”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining DOD Security Cooperation: When It Works and When It Doesn’t”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

October 21, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Countering Adversarial Propaganda: Charting an Effective Course in the Contested Information Environment”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 21, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Workers: Reviewing Mine Safety Policies with Stakeholders”, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Examining Ways to Improve Vehicle and Roadway Safety”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 21, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Medicare Part D Medication Therapy Management Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems: S. 611, the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled “EPA’s CO2 Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants: Legal Perspectives”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Accuracy of Medicaid and Exchange Eligibility Determinations”, 9:00 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled “Fighting Fraud Against the Elderly, an Update”, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, October 21, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Legislative Proposals to Reduce Regulatory Burdens on Main Street Job Creators”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 21, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America:

Federal Housing Reforms that Create Housing Opportunity”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: 50 Years of HUD and Its Impact on Federal Housing Policy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Investment Management”, 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, October 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Burma’s Challenge: Democracy, Human Rights, Peace, and the Plight of the Rohingya”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Words Have Consequences: Palestinian Authority Incitement to Violence”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “Russian Engagement in the Western Hemisphere”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “North Korea: Back on the State Sponsor of Terrorism List?”, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

October 22, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Africa’s Great Lakes Region: A Security, Political, and Humanitarian Challenge”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

October 23, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Evaluating the Export-Import Bank in the Global Economy”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats and Homeland Security Challenges”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 22, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled “Ready and Resilient?: Examining Federal Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, October 21, Full Committee, markup on a committee resolution amending the Committee’s regulations, and for other purposes, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, October 22, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Secure Credentials Issued by the Government Publishing Office”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 21, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Examining Law Enforcement Use of Cell Phone Tracking Devices”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, October 21, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Research

and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Cybersecurity for Power Systems”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “EPA’s 2015 Ozone Standard: Concerns Over Science and Implementation”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, October 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The EMV Deadline and What It Means for Small Businesses: Part II”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, October 21, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Abandoned Mines in the United States and Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanups”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

October 22, Full Committee, markup on the “Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015”; and other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, October 21, Full Committee, business meeting on motion to issue subpoenas to employees of Department of Veterans Affairs, to compel them to appear and provide testimony to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs on the Inspector General’s final report, entitled “Inappropriate Use of Position and the Misuse of the Relocation Program and Incen-

tives”; hearing entitled “An Examination of the VA Office of Inspector General’s Final Report on the Inappropriate Use of Position and the Misuse of the Relocation Program and Incentives”, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Evaluating VA Primary Care Delivery, Workload, and Cost”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

October 22, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of VA’s VetSuccess on Campus Program”, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Select Committee on Benghazi, October 22, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hearing 4”, regarding testimony of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: October 20, to hold hearings to examine Europe’s refugee crisis, focusing on how the United States, European Union, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe should respond, 2 p.m., 2200, Rayburn Building.

October 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine three case studies on Russian violations of the rule of law, focusing on how the United States should respond, 2 p.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, October 20

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(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday The House will meet at 12 p.m. for Morning-Hour Debate.



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